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**Applicant : STEELE, Chad C.**  
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**Examiner : BIANCO, Patricia**  
  
**Docket no. : BC-0112-P04**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

In response to the final Office action of February 27, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the examiner enter the following proposed amendments.

**Proposed Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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